LEGAL NOTICE

Shasta Agness Landscape Restoration Project - Forest Service Rogue River-Siskiyou National Forest, Gold Beach and Wild Rivers Ranger District, Gold Beach, OR

The USDA Forest Service, Rogue River-Siskiyou National Forest (RRSNF), Gold Beach Ranger District is providing notice that it has prepared a draft environmental impact statement (EIS) for the Shasta Agness Landscape Restoration Project (Project), which would implement multiple actions on National Forest System lands within an approximately 93,000-acre project planning area. Proposed landscape restoration actions include variable and radial release density thinning, prescribed fire, riparian and aquatic habitat restoration, sustainable recreation, and sustainable roads actions. Implementation would require a Red Tree Vole Plan and a project-specific amendment to exempt both commercial and noncommercial thinning in unique oak and pine units from one Northwest Forest Plan silviculture standard.

Four alternative have been analyzed for this project: Alternative 1- Proposed Action; Alternative 2- Wild Rivers Coast Forest Collaborative proposal; Alternative 3- Minimum Scope that would meet the purpose and meet; and Alternative 4 – No Action. The responsible official for this project is Merv George Jr, Rogue River-Siskiyou Forest Supervisor

Comments concerning the scope of the analysis must be received 45 days from date of publication of the NOA in the Federal Register, which is anticipated to publish May 24, 2019. It is the responsibility of persons providing comments to submit them by the close of the comment period and ensure that their comments have been received. This project will be subject to the pre-decisional administrative review (objection) process outlined at 36 CFR 218. Only those who submit timely and specific comments during a comment period designated by the responsible official will be eligible to participate in the objection process. Comments submitted anonymously will be accepted and considered, but do not meet the requirements under 36 CFR 218 and will not be eligible for objection. All comments received are part of the public record and will generally be posted for public viewing without change. All personal identifying information (e.g., name, address, etc.), confidential business information, or otherwise sensitive information submitted voluntarily by the sender will be available for public inspection, and released if requested under the Freedom of Information Act

Comments may be submitted by any one of the following methods: Comments can be filed electronically at comments-pacificnorthwest-siskiyou-goldbeach@fs.fed.us or https://cara.ecosystem-management.org/Publici/CommentInput?Project=49607. Electronic comments must be submitted into the input box or as an attachment in plain text (.txt), Microsoft Word (.doc), rich text format (.rtf), or portable document format (.pdf). Emails submitted to addresses other than the one listed above, or in formats other than those listed or containing viruses, will be rejected. Postal mail: Wade McMaster, Gold Beach District Ranger, 29279 Ellensburg Avenue, Gold Beach, OR 97444; or faxed to 541-247-3641.

Additional project information is available from Wade McMaster, Gold Beach District Ranger at 541-247-3600; or via email at wade.mcmaster@usda.gov . Individuals who use telecommunication devices for the deaf may call the Federal Information Relay Service at 1–800–877–8339 between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m., Eastern Time, Monday through Friday. Information related to the Project, including incorporated reference documents, is available at: http://www.fs.fed.us/nepa/nepa_project_exp.php?project=49607

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